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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application #	09/002,584
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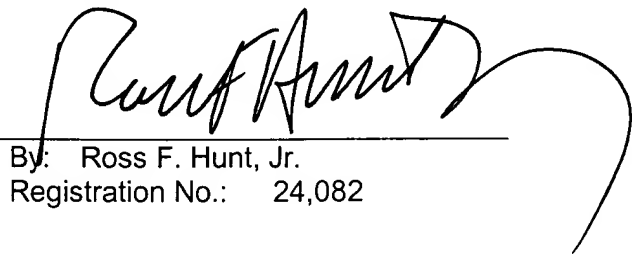
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees calculated below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> including Attachments <input type="checkbox"/> After Final Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> including Attachment(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Petition <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Appl. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:					
	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS	36	36	0	X \$ 50 =	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDEP. CLAIMS	8	8	0	X \$ 200 =	0
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					0
Reduction by 1/2 for <b>small entity status</b> of applicant					
SUBTOTAL =					
Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					
Other fee for					
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					0

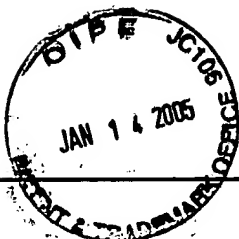
..... A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$ \* is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555:  
(1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or  
(2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Date: January 14, 2005

  
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<b>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</b>	Application #	09/002,584
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Further to the Request for Continued Examination filed on December 7, 2004:

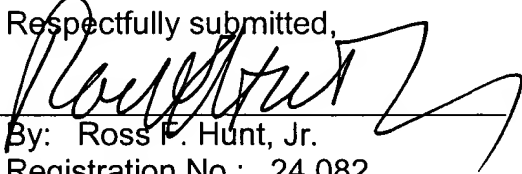
- A) please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and  
B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

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